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Sonja M. Fields et al.

Application No.: 10/603,440

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Examiner: Jacqueline F. Stephens

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached PTO/SB/08. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

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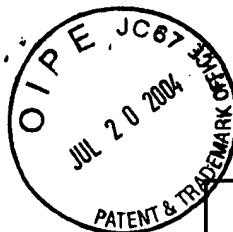
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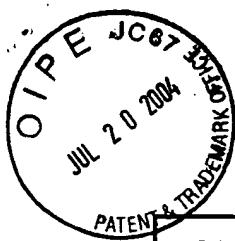
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1	US-4,798,603	01/17/89	Meyer et al.		
2	US-4,888,231	12/19/89	Angstadt		
3	US-4,898,642	02/06/90	Moore et al.		
4	US-5,549,589	08/27/96	Horney et al.		
5	US-5,593,399	01/14/97	Tanzer et al.		
6	US-5,607,414	03/04/97	Richards et al.		
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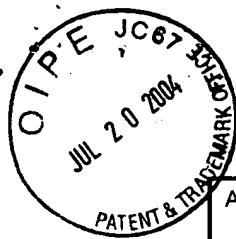
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